NEWS ABOUT THE CITY.

Throat diseases are prevalent in the city at present.

Twenty-one inquests were held in the city last year.

The receipts at the custom house yesterday were $23,985 88.

Crows have been seen in the suburbs, and they are a sure sign of a rapid thaw.

The grand lodge of the Sons of England benevolent society meet in their hall, corner of Church and Colborne streets, to-day.

Wm. Smith, of Kleinburg, upset a load of hay and blockaded the street car track in front of Brown's livery on King street yesterday.

Chief Constable Draper's horse ran away yesterday and threw the major out. The horse got the worst of it and the cutter was wrecked.

The Toronto ministerial association met yesterday morning and made arrangements for the interdenominational exchange of pulpits on March 20th.

Last night the usual weekly concert was held in the Methodist church, Richmond street. There was a good attendance and the singing and readings were good.

The Wanzer "F" Machine.—"The Old Reliable," with reversible feed for pants, overalls and general manufacturing, is leading all the American makes. Machines by easy payments. 82 King street west. ose

A boy named Shon picked up a brown paper parcel at the corner of Queen and Teranley streets yesterday evening and handed it over to a policeman. The parcel had evidently come through the post office, as there were several American stamps on it.

The friends of Mr. G. B. Bazzard, who has officiated as G. W. R. station-master at Toronto for a long time, entertained him at dinner in McGuire's restaurant last night. Mr. Bazzard was presented with a massive gold ring by the employees of the company.

Last night Dr. McLellan lectured on "This Canada of Ours," in the Bloor street Methodist church. He foretold a grand future for the Dominion. It is needless to say the eloquent doctor was warmly applauded.

Opposite the Rossin house on King street, about 6:30 last evening, as a Spadina avenue horse car was proceeding west, one of the horses fell down and barely escaped being severely injured, the fore wheel of the car almost going over his leg. After some trouble and considerable delay all things were righted and the car proceeded on its way.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the boys' home was held yesterday. A large number of prominent ladies and gentlemen were present who took a deep interest in the conduct of this important institution. There was considerable talk about a new building and when it was stated that Hon. Edward Blake and Mrs. Blake would give $1,000 great satisfaction was felt.

About 7.30 o'clock last night an individual in the attic of Dr. Wagner's residence on Queen street west threw a paperful of ashes down on to the pavement below. There was quite a breeze blowing, and two young ladies passing along the street got the full benefit of the ashes square in the face. Two reporters of the World were walking in an opposite direction to the young ladies in question, and they, too, came in for a good share of the blinding particles.

Yesterday afternoon at the corner of Spadina avenue and Queen street an accident occurred of rather an exciting nature. Two women were driving a cutter in a rather reckless manner, and as they arrived at Spadina avenue and were turning the corner, they knocked down an old gentleman named Hunter Shaw, severely injuring him. One of the women jumped out of the sleigh and disappeared, and the other upon beholding a policeman advancing strove to do what her companion had done before her, but was prevented from so doing by the constable, who politely placed her in the cutter and calmly drove to the station.

The civic legislation committee yesterday afternoon conferred with the member for West Toronto in reference to his draft bill to reduce certain exemptions. A deputation, representing the banking loan and other incorporated companies, were also present. It was a question who invited them, as Mr. Bell understood the meeting was to be private. The bill was read. Its principal points have already been published in these columns. After a long and varied discussion the committee adjourned without taking any action on the bill, which will receive further consideration at an early day.

THE RIVAL STREET RAILWAYS.

A communication was last night read from Mr. Thos. Ferguson, Q.C., solicitor for the Toronto street railway company, respecting the permission granted by the council to the Metropolitan street railway company to lay down tracks on certain streets. Before any agreement shall have been entered into between the corporation and the Metropolitan company, the solicitor deems it proper to call the attention of the council to the fact that the Toronto company already have the legal right to lay down and operate a railway on the streets in question, and that they intend to insist upon their right so to do. It is conceived that the council are in error as to the condition of the matter and the legal rights of the company, or they would not attempt to do as they are doing. The solicitor claims the company have not forfeited any of their rights respecting these streets, and says that should the corporation enter into any agreement with the Metropolitan company, or grant any privileges to them in respect of these streets conflicting with the rights and privileges of the Toronto company, the corporation will be held to account.

CIVIC NOTES.

There were fifty-three motions on the paper last night.

The city has about seventy toise of stone available for street purposes.

Ald. Evans has been elected chairman of the new court house committee.

Two more claims for damages re slippery sidewalks was received last night.

There are 172.64 miles of sidewalk, 67.37 miles of sewer, and 122 miles of street in the city.

The council has been petitioned for a sewer on Sackville street between Carleton and Winchester.

A number of prominent citizens have petitioned for a street railway to Exhibition park and High park.

Mr. Defoe wrote to the council denying any jobbery in connection with his offers to sell Woodside to the city, and withdrawing the same. The communication was received with "hear, hear," and applause, and amid cries of "That settles it," "That's what we want," etc.

The Grand Junction railway petitioned the council to assist them in obtaining a charter to enable the company to extend its line to Toronto westerly and to the town of Perth easterly. Ald. Blevins moved to suspend the rules for a resolution to this effect but the motion was lost, and the resolution was taken as a notice.

An unsurpassed table, large rooms, clean beds, courteous attention and moderate charges are some of the attractions of the Rossin House, Toronto.

WISDOM OF THE WARDS.

ASSEMBLED IN COUNCIL AT THE CITY HALL.

Enquiries—Assessment for Block Pavements—The Street Railway Question—Municipal Amendments—A Public Library—Other Matters.

All the members of the city council were in their places last night. Mr. Mayor McMurrich called them to order at 7:30. The meeting lasted four hours and transacted some important business.

After routine, enquiries came on. Ald. Kent asked why ward laborers were allowed to work on the street railway certain days last month. Ald. Blevins replied

IN A CURT WAY

that he knew nothing about it. "How is it Mr. Mayor," asked Mr. Boswell, "that the street railway company have not carried out the council's resolution requiring them to substitute vehicles on runners for the cars? I notice that cars are still run on King street, which is in a most disgraceful condition." His worship replied that the resolution had been forwarded to the Kiely's, and further, that in answer to a letter from himself they had written that it was their intention to put on a gang of men to remove the ridges. After several unimportant enquiries, Ald. Love moved that the city members of the local legislature be requested to move for a return of all the amounts received by the Ontario government as fines and fees imposed by the city police magistrate on prisoners subsequently transferred from the Toronto gaol to the central prison. The city auditors claim that these amounts justly belong to the corporation. The rules were suspended and the motion was carried.

The council went into committee of the whole on report No. 2, executive committee, Ald. Boustead in the chair. On the second clause recommending payment of $25 to Mrs. Margaret O'Brien for compensation for injuries sustained by falling through a hole on Adelaide street, Ald. Farley thought she ought to get more, as if she had had a lawyer she would have recovered against the city fully $500. He thought

SHE SHOULD GET

$200. Ald. Ryan proposed that it be referred back to the executive committee. The clause was, however, adopted. On the clause asking for $1020 to be placed to the credit of the committee for the city's proportion of costs for laying a block pavement on Ontario street, between Carlton and Howard streets, Ald. Clarke wanted information on the local improvement act. Supposing, he said, every street in the city were to ask to be allowed to make their own roadways, and every crossing were to be paid for by the city, where would the city get the money to pay for them all. Ald. Boswell thought it was a great misfortune that they had a law passed by the local legislature as to this local improvement. He would like to understand the position of the citizens of Yonge street in regard to this matter. He could not see how an equitable and just assessment could be made. Ald. Denison pointed out that in his opinion the local improvement act explained the matter under discussion. In a discussion which ensued the desire was expressed to petition the Ontario legislature to have the local improvement act explained; and Ald Ryan moved in amendment to send the matter back again to the executive committee in order that the information asked for might be obtained. Ald. Hallam said the crossings would be paid for

OUT OF GENERAL TAXATION,

and it was useless to send the matter back, because the contracts had already been let for the construction of the pavement on Yonge street, D'Arcy, and Ontario streets. The amendment proposed by Ald. Ryan was then put and lost and the clause adopted. The clause recommending certain street railway routes for construction was discussed at some length. Ald. Baxter made it the occasion of an outburst of virtuous indignation at the resolution passed by the Council at its previous meeting, which he characterized as premature and illegal. Ald. Blevins explained that the resolution offered by him at the last meeting was only carrying into effect an offer made to the Metropolitan company in 1878. When he offered the resolution, he had been very careful to put in a clause protecting the city against loss in case of litigation. Now the respective railways might

FIGHT IT OUT BETWEEN THEM.

Several members suggested that the agreement between the city and the Metropolitan street railway company should be laid before the council before permission was granted to the new company to lay down and operate tracks. The clause passed.

In connection with labor for wages in the Queen's park, Ald. Ryan asked the chairman of the property committee whether Mr. Carlton was included in the pay sheet for Queen's park laborers, and also whether during last year Mr. Carlton was dismissed by the city commissioner for drunkenness, and that he was reinstated by Ald. Irwin, and whether he was paid during the time he was suspended, and what authority Ald. Irwin had for reinstating him. Ald. Irwin replied that Mr. Carlton was included in the item $12. As to the other point it was last year's. Ald. Ryan wanted a straightforward answer to his question on that authority did Ald. Irwin, when he was only an ordinary alderman, reinstate Carlton? Ald. Irwin—It all happened last year. As he was not chairman last year he couldn't answer the question. Ald. Baxter—The worthy alderman (Ryan) knows we have no right to go into the doings of last year. On the clause recommending that $400 be appropriated for a

CLOCK IN THE QUEEN STREET FIRE HALL

Ald. Kent moved in amendment that a smaller sum be voted for removing the St. Lawrence clock to the tower. Lost. Ald. Taylor offered an amendment that the clause be referred back with a view of placing dials in all the fire hall towers and running them by electricity. Negatived by a tie. The reports of the legislation and fire and gas committees were adopted. The council then disposed of a number of motions. Ald. Taylor moved for the appointment of a special committee to consider a basis for the establishment of a free public library, comprising the chairmen of the executive committee and property committee and Ald. Clarke, Trees, Lobb, Lake, Hallam, and the mover, with power to send for persons and papers. Carried.

The council adjourned at 11:30.

MY FRIEND.

I also had a friend. He was not so very young either, but he was fresh—very—and fair—to middling. He never drank—unless at a friend's expense. He gambled—with other people's money. He smoked—my tobacco. He kept bad company—he liked to. He was not a favorite with the ladies—he never treated to ice cream and candies, but he gave them lots of "taffy." His clothes were neat and stylish, and he hung them up—as he did the tailor. He never missed a meal or paid a cent to his landlady. The boys "soured" on him, and he took sick, and after a long and painful illness he recovered and is again on the warpath.

At the police court this morning Thos. King was up on remand charged with feloniously assaulting Jos. Dalton with a knife or axe. As Dalton was not quite able to appear the case was remanded till to-morrow. Daniel Cox, a poor old man with one eye, wanted to go to jail for the winter. His wish was acceded to.

TRADE TOPICS.

Readable Notes About the City's Exports and Imports Picked up by World Reporters.

The tea trade is active, and direct importations are being daily received.

Canadian manufactured tobacco is in good demand for the grocery trade.

800 firkins of butter were shipped on Saturday for Liverpool by a city firm.

Clover seed and pressed hay in very large quantities are among our recent exports.

Seedsmen and florists are now ready for orders—the goods being all warehoused.

Fancy needlework designs from the South Kensington art association are among recent importations.

The trade in plated ware and jewellery is dull at present, and no improvement is expected before June.

Agricultural implements show a decided falling off when compared with the importations of previous years.

Merchants complain about the breaking of bulk in handling shipments by the various railway companies.

Samples of leaf tobacco are to hand, and in a few weeks bales of the weed will be received by our cigar manufacturers.

Over 3600 tons of coal are weekly received by local dealers, and this amount barely keeps the demand supplied.

Heavy importations of china, crockery and glassware have been made, and a big drive at increased prices in expected.

Piano dealers and importers of musical instruments are carrying heavy stocks, the busy season being ended with the holidays.

The machinery for Willby's mill at Weston has has arrived by G.W.R., and is at the Queen's wharf awaiting transhipment.

Goods landed at Halifax from Allan steamers reach Toronto several days ahead of the goods landed at Boston by the same line.

The boot and shoe trade is fairly active, and several heavy shipments have been recently received from American manufacturers.

Spring rains will make the hearts of the dealers in rubber goods glad, the long continued cold clear weather having had a bad effect on trade.

Cargo shipments by the White Star line via New York, are laid down here several days in advance of the arrival of the invoices by the Canadian mail.

The heavy duty has considerably affected the trade in patent medicines. Many American dealers have located branch establishments in this city, and import the material in an unmanufactured state.

Troy, N.Y., furnishes our city swells with their linen cuffs and collars, and notwithstanding the N. P., these articles can be laid down here duty paid, far cheaper than they can be manufactured.

Toronto brewers are just now doing a large export trade with Bermuda and the West India islands. The Brewing and Malting company have already made several shipments and expect to reap a big bonanza.

Wholesale dealers in millinery are getting things in readiness for the spring openings, and travellers are already on the road with samples. Trimmed hats and bonnets of new and unique designs have already arrived from Paris and London.

There have been large quantities of soft and hard felt hats brought in this season from leading English and American manufacturers. The styles for the coming season are somewhat similar to those worn last year. Immense piles of straws are also to hand.

Ladies will be interested to learn that buttons are now made a specialty of by several wholesale houses. Recent importations for the coming season are both pretty in design and costly as regards price. One class called "pearl inlaid" are worth 75 cents each wholesale, and will retail for $1 10. If the rage for fancy buttons continues husbands and fathers will have to come down handsomely.

Wholesale dry goods men are busily engaged in clearing and warehousing their spring importations, and present appearances indicate a very prosperous season's business. The revival in trade has brought with it an increasing demand for silks, laces, and other costly fabrics, and many of our merchants are devoting special attention to the fancy goods department. It is roughly estimated that the aggregate value of our dry goods importations this season will reach close on to $5,000,000.

BARRIE.

BARRIE, Feb. 7.—A most ludicrously amusing incident occurred to-day at noon in the dining room of one of our largest hotels. A number of bank clerks, well posted on the cause of the recent commotion in the British house of commons, while partaking of lunch, undertook to give a free and somewhat lengthy discussion on the Irish land league question. They appeared to have too little regard for the feelings or nationality of others in the dining room, and one of them thoughtlessly or otherwise made the dangerous remark that "These blawsted Irishmen were as thick-headed as niggers." In juxtaposition that audacious, or thoughtless financier sat a stalwart yeoman, whose exterior unmistakably indicated that he was of Celtic origin. If any doubts were at first entertained as to his nationality they were suddenly removed when he sprang from his seat, and accosting Mr. Bank Clerk, would soon have annihilated that individual had not another patron of husbandry interfered and prevented any acts of violence. In future these gentlemen should be more circumspect in their observations when in the presence of excitable Irishmen.

HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE CONCERT.

The concert in aid of the house of providence, held in the pavilion of the Horticultural gardens, was a pronounced success, almost every seat in the building being filled. On the entrance of his honor the lieutenant-governor the band played "God save the Queen" and the audience rose to their feet. His honor and family took seats in the front benches of the centre of the gallery reserved for them. His grace Archbishop Lynch and a number of the Roman Catholic clergymen were present. The concert opened with "The Minstrel" (Lamotte) by the Queen's Own band, who played three selections through the evening in their usual admirable style, the "Turkish Reveille" calling for a hearty encore. It would be invidious to particularize the individual excellence of any of the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the entertainment, as they one and all did well, and their efforts were well received by the large audience present. The promoters of the concert may well congratulate themselves on its success.

Ladies.

Ladies will find the Toronto Turkish Baths unexceptionably faultless in every respect, being used constantly by the most distinguished people of this city. The greatest care is taken with regard to the linen and other requisites, and the attendants are kind, attentive and properly instructed. The Toronto Turkish Baths, 233 Queen street west, are centrally situated, the street cars from all points pass by the door every few minutes.

SECRET SOCIETY FIENDS.

The Masonic, Oddfellow, and Knights of Pythias Varieties.

You must have met him. He is familiar to every frequenter of a lodge-room. He is not confined to any particular lodge or order—his "shadow o'erspreads them all." He is generally a bachelor, with a surplus of spare time at his disposal, and is usually well up in points of order and other rules of order that govern debate. If you are a mason you will recognize the "Fiend" as a familiar spirit that haunts the ante-room, sits out every lodge session, no matter how long or dreary, and never fails to be on hand when the lodge is "called off" for refreshments.

AROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD

he shines refulgently and is ever ready with a song or recitation to liven up the proceedings. He keeps a record of every decision—grand or subordinate, and in a patronizing manner, warns young masons to be careful in guarding the ancient landmarks of the institution. He very seldom succeeds to office, but is ever ready to act on a "board of trial," so that he can emphatically impress the rusty visiting brother with the superiority of his fraternal knowledge. Heaven help the unfortunate visitor if he be not well "posted" on masonic questions. It were better he were never "made" than meet with the fiend under such circumstances. If the visitor is "well up," he is immediately taken under his protecting influence, and introduced to the brethren as one of the brightest craftsmen he ever examined. It is in masonry that the fiend's services are utilized, and his constitutional erudition gains for him a welcome that he would not otherwise receive.

In oddfellowship the fiend degenerates into a bore, and is shunned by the brethren. He cannot be utilized, and is consequently "boycotted" by the members.

But it is in Orangeism that the fiend fairly revels. He is not only utilized, but appreciated, and every lodge has its quota. He hails from the north of Ireland, and his rich brogue is fairly impregnated with humor. He can shut his eyes, fold his hands and sing

COME ALL YE'S

a yard long. He can relate Orange incidents of the "historic part," and grow eloquent over the "big walk at Tandaragee," on the 12th of July, 1861. He knows all about "Dolly's Brae" and the "Diamond," and can tell with precision how many stands of colors were unfurled at any and every Orange procession that has ever taken place either in Ireland or Canada. On the 12th he insists on carrying the banner or "batting" a big drum, and woe betide the man that endeavors to interfere with what he calls "his prerogative." When the parade is over, he deems it his especial duty to take charge of the banner and charter, and never fails to deposit them in a place of safety. He is the most useful brother in the lodge, and is frequently called upon during the night to drink to the "glorious, pious, and immortal memory," by his admirers.

The fiend is recognized by the knights of Pythias as

A CHRONIC "KICKER,"

and in this and other orders he becomes an obstructionist. He is eternally rising to points of order, and gavels are nightly broke in the vain endeavor to induce him to reason. He must have his little speech out, however, and before he sits down he impresses every one with the idea that he is the only member that is actuated by common-sense motives. His forte is figures and finances, in dealing with which he becomes a vest-pocket edition of the Ontario treasurer.

The "Fiend" must not, however, be confounded with the man who is crazy on ritualistic ceremonial, or the other harmless lunatic who is never satisfied unless bedecked in the gorgeous trappings of the various orders to which he belongs.

THE JOLLY BUTCHERS.

How They Feasted and Fed on Fat Last Night—And How They Speechified and Sang.

The jolly master butchers of the city feasted and fed last night on the fat steer in the Albion hotel. You have no idea how the dining-hall looked or how the splendid tables moaned under their load of rare dishes. It was no common dish that they sat down to—it was no less than the fat flesh of the famous steer over which Toronto was enthusiastic a month ago. It wasn't dished up by any French cook either, for Mrs. Holderness entrusted no one with the fine quarters, but superintended it herself, and if reporters and butchers are any judges, and we rather think they are, she did it to perfection. The guests sat down at nine o'clock and began a gallant onslaught on the precious meat which was tenderer than ever, if that were possible, and the big steer was in everybody's mouth. After the cloth had been removed, the chairman, Mr. C. H. Dunning, proposed the loyal toasts which were received with English enthusiasm. Mr. Chas. Dedrickson recited "My Uncle," and was rewarded with applause. After the toast of "The Dominion Parliament," Mr. Joshua Ingham, the vice-chair, delivered an eloquent and characteristic speech, and Mr. Hinds sang "Will you walk into my parlor, Mr. Fly." Mr. Nicholas Murphy responded to the toast of "The Local Legislature" in a capital speech, and was followed by Mr. Ord, who sang "The Englishman." Ald. Hallam replied to the toast of "The City Council," and did that august body great credit, and took care to haul Mr. Murphy over the coals in style. "The past and present officers of the butcher's association of Toronto" elicited replies from Mr. Glenville, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Campbell, and the Khan sang "Good-bye Biddy dear" and "Patrick mind the baby." Mr. Park also gave a song with good effect.

Prior to the dinner the company met and elected their officers for 1881. The following are their names:—President, G. Griffin; vice-president, C. H. Dunning; secretary, H. McKittrick; treasurer, Arthur Griffith.

Y. W. C. A.

Miss Bury, formerly of Montreal, has been appointed lady superintendent of the home in connection with the Young Women's Christian association of Toronto, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Scott. After an administration of over three years, Mrs. Scott retires to accept a higher and more responsible position in the Andrew Mercer reformatory. At the last meeting of the board of management on the 4th inst., it was moved by Mrs. Harvie, seconded by Miss Finch, and agreed, that in accepting Mrs. Scott's resignation they expressed the heartfelt wishes of the board that the new position on which she is about to enter may prove for her advantage and comfort.

Robert Wadsworth, John Cleary, Edward Curtin and John Mason who pleaded guilty to breaking into the premises of A. A. Green, Dundas street, were up at the police court to-day for sentence. Young Curtin was let off and explained to the court how the job was done. He said that Mason was the ringleader. His father was bound in $100 for his future good behaviour. Wadsworth was sent down for ten days and the other lad was let off.

THE POLICE FORCE.

There were 5939 parties brought before the court by summons and warrants, as against 6554 during last year. The nationalities of the offenders were: England, 1068; Ireland, 1784; Scotland, 402; Canada, 2267; United States, 233; Germany, 82; colonies, 50; other countries, 53.

The chief constable gives the value of stolen property recovered last year as $19,435 79. The return is hardly complete. Mr. Draper should also give us the value of the stolen property that the police did not recover.

Waifs to the number of 1333 were sheltered at the different police stations last year.

In 1880 there were 55 burglaries reported to the police. In 1 case the value of the goods taken was $300, in 5 cases it was from $100 to $150, in 31 cases it was from $4 to $70, in 2 cases it was $2 and under, and in 16 cases nothing was taken. In two cases the thieves were arrested and the property found, in one case the thief was arrested and the property not found, in one case the property was found but there were no arrests, and in 51 cases the property was not found or nothing taken and there were no arrests.

The chief constable suggests that the police be empowered to confiscate all the liquor found in unlicensed houses, which he thinks would be the means of breaking up these places.

THE BEAUTIFUL SKATERS.

Brilliant and Beautiful Girls on Skates—The Bachelor's Trials.

They glide gracefully by you as you stand on the platform of the rink on a Saturday afternoon, two or three hundred of the prettiest and most stylish girls in the city. Blonde, brunette, short, tall, grave, gay children and maidens; but all with *some* charm of beauty; passing you with an easy, floating motion. It is a moving picture-gallery, containing gems of nature which all the cunning of the old masters could never rival. How their expressions change as they converse. Talk of the carnival! What quaint

OLD-FASHIONED COSTUME

could make the rosy cheeks and bright eyes look more charming than they do from out of the warm maroon or blue woollen hood. How neat their figures look in their tight-fitting skating costumes—dark, maroon, green, black, blue—and all kinds of stylish jackets of light-coloured cloth trimmed with fur. What a variety of shapes the hats are made in, and how variously the hair is arranged—bobbed, banged, ruffed, waved, pleated, braided, curled, tied upin knots, and flowing full down the back, bound with bright-coloured ribbon. And so the bright throng goes by and the bank, dry goods and druggist's clerks and other aristocrats mingle in it and sort out such of the belles as they think most acceptable, but the lonely and unnoticed newspaper man looks on with a

COMMUNISTIC FEELING

growing in his heart as he questions the goodness of Providence in suffering such things to be. How happy they all look. There is no chaperone, and etiquette is modeled after much less conventional ideas than in the ball room or on the street. Then the escorts are "so funny," their wits being much brightened by the absence of mamma and paps; the old folks never come here. They are not missed. Who would miss a young man in an old fogy whist club? Who is the belle of the rink? You look around you. Half a dozen faces present themselves at once and these are immediately pushed out of the way and their places taken by

HALF A DOZEN MORE

equally beautiful. Then slowly comes o'er your mind the sage of the seven hundred wives who had to take to the housetop. Poor fellow! Perhaps he undertook to marry the most beautiful woman in Israel.

WORLD WAIFS.

THE TWINS.

Yes, there they lie so small, so quaint—
Two mouths, two noses and two chins;
What painter shall we get to paint
And glorify the twins?
To give us all the charm that dwells
In tiny cloaks and coral bells,
And all those other pleasant spells
Of babyhood, and not forget
The silver mug for either pet—
No babe should be without it?
Come, fairy limner! you can thrill
Our hearts with pink and daffodil,
And white rosette and dimpled frill;
Come, paint our little Jack and Jill,
And don't be long about it!

—*Frederick Locker.*

The coal dealers make hay while the sun don't shine.

Kellogg will sing twenty nights in Paris for $12,000.

The Queen of Sweden is travelling incognito in England.

Vice-President Wheeler has been the Charlie Ross of administration.

Massinger's "New Way to Pay Old Debts," has been on the stage for 248 years.

A Buffalo magistrate lately fined Charles Dickens for being drunk in the streets.

Othello is John McCullough's favorite part, and King Lear his greatest ambition.

Remenyi performs on a $5000 violin. No wonder the young man next door plays so abominably. His fiddle cost but $2 50.—Philadelphia News.

Mother Eve only escaped being the first woman to get up in the morning and build the fire by living in a climate where a fig-leaf was as good as a sealskin sacque.—Troy Press.

Last year there were built on three rivers in the north and east of England—the Tyne, Wear and Lees—212 iron steamers, aggregating 312,943 tons register, valued at $35,000,000.

Mr. Edwin Booth has been dining with Baroness Burdett-Coutts, to meet Mr. Henry Irving. Mr. Booth is said to be in every way pleased with the results of his London engagement.

Katharine Kane, spinster, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is petitioning the state legislature to pass a law directing the appointment of a female deputy sheriff for the county, with a yearly salary of $800.

A Washington compositor can set type from a phonographer's notes. He met his match in some short-hand manuscript that was recently handed to him. He was awfully mad when he found it was a report of a Ponca Indian's speech in his native tongue.

The Duke of Connaught is named as the successor of the old Duke of Cambridge at the head of the British army. The old gentleman is said to be kind-hearted, but very choleric and a terrible swearer. He has a particular distate for newspapers, and is accustomed to refer to them in words of lurid import.

Dr. J. Hammond Trumbull, of Hartford, Conn., the famous scholar in Indian languages has consented to supervise a history of Hartford county which will soon be printed in commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the "Old Patent" of Connecticut—the Earl of Warwick's grant, signed on the 19th of March, 1631.

Mr. W. E. Caiger has laid a scheme before the council for the erection of public urinals. He proposes to put up these very necessary structures at his own expense provided the council will allow him to use the interior walls for advertising purposes.

Extra Edition.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

The Whole of the Sackville street Gang Sentenced to Long Periods.

To-day the six notorious characters known as the Sackville street gang were found guilty of the several charges preferred against them by Detective Reburn. Prior convictions were put in against all of them. Richard Ross alias Collins alias Rice was shown to be a St. Catharines gaol-bird who was sent here to the central prison, and on his release confined his operations to this city. Richard Connors was proven to be

AN ESCAPED CONVICT

from Penetanguishene. It was shown that Joseph Hannah was convicted of stealing goods in Yorkville. Three prior convictions of petty thefts were put in against George Hill. One prior conviction each was put in against George Wilson and Michael Burtles. His worship said that he believed they were a combination that should be broken up. He sentenced them as follows:

George Wilson, two years.

Joseph Hannah, three years.

Michael Burtles, three years and six months.

George Hill, four years.

Richard Connors, four years and six months.

Michael Collins, five years.

They will consequently all go to Kingston with the exception of Wilson.

PROVINCIAL RAILWAYS.

Bills Before the Legislature's Committee—The Toronto and Ottawa—The Prince Edward County Road—Mr. Bickford Beaten.

The railway committee of the house met this forenoon, Mr. Pardee in the chair. Mr. Hodgins, Q.C., asked the chairman for the decision of the government as to

EXCEPTIONAL LEGISLATION

respecting the lapsed by-law of the town of Peterboro' as contained in the Toronto and Ottawa railway's bill. Mr. Hodgins referred to a resolution passed by the town council of Peterboro' last night, protesting in the strongest manner possible against the insertion in the bill of any clause subjecting Peterboro' to exceptional legislation or permitting the company to submit a bonus by-law to the ratepayers of Peterboro' in any other manner or on any other conditions than those provided for by the existing laws.

The chairman, in reply, said that the government concurred with the opinion of the committee that the

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be renewed as proposed by the act, and the government further held if the by-laws were submitted again they must be considered as new by-laws and be subject to the law as it now stands which requires a majority of all the votes in the municipality whether polled or not. The bill was accordingly amended.

The next bill considered was that respecting the Prince Edward county railway company. The principal clause provides for the extension of the railway from Trenton northward to Madoc, so as to reach the mines of Marmora. Mr. Bickford opposed the bill in the interest of the Grand Junction railway, which already has a charter and road to the Madoc mines. The bill was warmly supported by Mr. Striker, M.P.P., and the celebrated G. W. McMullen, who is the principal owner of the Prince Edward county road. The clause passed by a vote of 15 to 7. The bill was reported with amendments to some of the other clauses.

LATEST CITY NEWS.

At a quarter past three this afternoon an alarm of fire was given from the corner of Arthur and Lumley streets. No reels east of Bay street turned out.

A bill to incorporate the Toronto Baptist college passed the private bills committee to-day. This is the institution which owes its existence to the munificence of Hon. Wm. McMaster.

The arrest of a respectably dressed girl on King street this afternoon for drunkenness gathered a large crowd. She struggled and screamed like an Indian. It took two policemen to take her to the station.

John McCann, a young man with a Chocktaw-looking head, was charged at the police court this morning with examining his wife's phrenological development with a club. The wife begged him off and he was only fined $25 or 7 days in jail.

An arbitration is going on in the city which is of considerable interest to cattle men. The persons in the arbitration are Mr. H. Q. Stillburn and E. B. Morgan. It is alleged on the one hand that Stillburn contracted for six steamships from Morgan to export cattle, and never used them. The latter considers that Stillbury is liable for the contract price, and lays his damages at $4000; Stillman claims $3000 because the vessels were not ready when he wanted them.

The question of York county compensating the Kingston tramway company for the removal of the steam motor was discussed by the private bills committee to-day. Mr. Kerr, Q. C., and Messrs. Badgerow and Patterson offered, on behalf of the county, compensation to the extent of the difference between the cost of the motor and what it could be sold for. The committee rejected this offer by 17 to 5. Messrs. Bell, Leader, Waters and others spoke in favor of full compensation. The matter was postponed to ascertain the opinion of the government.

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